



Our Beautiful Home of Worship

St. John's Lutheran Church at Avon Avenue and South Tenth Street, Newark, N. J. was erected in the year 1910 by one of its members, Mr. Frederick Kilgus, who was also President of the Church Council from February 3, 1908 until he was called to his eternal home on March 14, 1932.

Mr. Kilgus loved and was very proud of his church. He attended regularly. After he was unable to go, he would often ask to be taken there just once more. His wishes were fulfilled.



This is the main entrance on Avon Avenue.
With its open door and the beautiful Cross above
the door, what could be more inviting?



This beautiful stained glass window
is above the front entrance. It is called
"The Resurrection" and is a gift to the church
in memory of Caroline Schmidt.



This, too, is a beautiful stained
glass window. It is called "The Good Shepherd"
and is a gift to the church from
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kilgus.



This beautiful Sanctuary Lamp or
Everlasting Light is a gift to the church from
Mrs. Frederick Kilgus in Sacred Memory of
Mr. Frederick Kilgus.

This light is never out. During services
there are two lights burning, otherwise there is
only one burning.

It is finished in oxidized silver and
the glass globe is dark red.



This Reredos or Lord's Supper over the
Altar is a gift in memory of John Herman.



Showing two of the side windows which are also gifts and also showing the organ. The organ is a gift to the church from George A. Ohl, Jr., in memory of his Mother.



Another view of window and organ, and also view of choir loft. On the side, one of the open doors are shown. These doors lead to side room and are thrown open on holidays and other occasions.



This is our dear old church on Halsey Street, opposite Cedar Street, long since removed. Although this church had only plain walls and plain glass windows with old-fashioned inside blinds and an organ which had to be pumped by hand, which, incidentally, was very hard work, it was our church, our Home of Worship.

I attended Sunday School there for a great many years, only leaving there the Sunday before being married. It, also, was the first church that Fred Kilgus attended after coming to the U. S. A. from Germany in 1869.

Our present pastor, Rev. Oscar E. Braune, was ordained in this church on June 21, 1903 and began his duties as pastor here. He started with very few members. We are now in our new home, and, through his very hard work, now have 848 members.

It is now the year 1934. In the Fall of 1933 we celebrated our Century Jubilee.

One Hundred Years of Service to

"God" and for Man.



1860 — 1910

This cut above shows church at Halsey St. opposite Cedar St. now removed. Other places of worship can not be shown as no other pictures have been obtainable



REV. KRUG
1867-1893

This is the first Pastor that I remember. He
christened and confirmed me.



REV. DOERING
1893-1903

This is our second Pastor. He is the one who married
us---Fred Kilgus and Bertha Stumpf.

This is our present Pastor, who has
been with us for over thirty years. May he
be with us many more years.





God joined together Fred Kilgus and
Bertha Stumpf on February 18, 1897.

He called Fred home on March 14, 1932,
leaving me here alone to await the time when He
will again unite us.







